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General Comment

Collusion between the NRC and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) should be investigated by the Office of the Special Counsel. The NRC Office of the Inspector General is asleep at the wheel on the issues of accident tolerant fuel (ATF) and lead test assemblies (LTAs). The NRC Office of Research is now headed by a former DOE executive responsible for DOE fuels research, including ATF and LTAs. This individual, while at DOE, negotiated an updated addendum to the NRC-DOE Memorandum of Understanding to include ATF. NRC mismanagement of ATF is placing the public at risk of NRC acceptance of unproven DOE codes and the resultant fuel failures. NRC has lost its objectivity as an independent regulator. New NRC positions on the use of unapproved codes and methods for ATF and LTAs is a callous disregard for public health and safety and the environment that should be investigated by an independent Federal namely, the Office of the Special Counsel.

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